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This reduction was attributed to the formation of new mechanized units of the Volkspolizei. These units required considerable quantities of additional carburetor fuel supplies which could not be met by the East German production. 25X1

[redacted] on 17 September 1952 orders were received [redacted] stating that fuel stocks of the Erfurt regional railroad headquarters be reported, by telephone, to the Deputy Director General, not later than 18:00 hours. Orders were also received to the effect that the operation of sedans and trucks using carburetor fuel be stopped immediately. Urgent official trips were allowed only with the approval of the President of the Directorate General, Railroads.

Corrent. The report indicates the critical fuel shortage which started in East Germany in August 1952. Information on this shortage was supplied in previous reports. [redacted]

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